



# Merced Horsemen's Association

NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

The madness of March is here. It is time to get out the tack and do a thorough cleaning, and safety check. Make sure you have everything you need to have a great year riding and lots of fun on your horse. We look forward to seeing all you at the dues dinner and enjoying talking with all you. We are excited about our calendar and hope everyone comes out to try a new or different event. Bring a friend out and talk them into joining. We had a visit from Dr Madison Seamans ,a horse vet and artist, and he is offering MHA members 10% off of his service. We appreciate this kind gesture in helping us bring in members. We are working on other services to help out all of you, so if you know someone that would like to advertise their service and get some advertising then get their contact to me and I will pursue it. Thanks everyone for the opportunity to serve you , I hope that I do it well.

At your Service,

J. A. Thomas



## Schedule of Events/Meetings

- March 5: Saturday, Gymkhana (rain date March 12) **CANCELLED**
- March 5: Saturday, Dues Dinner 6:30 p.m. (bring dessert for dessert auction!)
- March 10: Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Board & General Mtg
- March 12: Saturday Rain Date for Gymkhana (if needed) **CANCELLED**
- March 26: Saturday Work Day (rain date April 9)
- April 2: Saturday Gymkhana
- April 14: Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Board & General Mtg
- April 16: Saturday Gymkhana
- April 30: Saturday Rain Date for Gymkhana (if needed)



**THANKS TO THE MEMBERS BY ASSISTING US TO BE "GREENER".** By getting the newsletter electronically you are helping save the club money in printing costs and postage. For those that still wish to receive a hard copy in the mail please contact Carol at 209-966-8150 and we will see to it that you get a mailed copy.

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# NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!



MEMBER DUES  
DINNER  
SATURDAY,  
MARCH 5, 2011  
6:30 p.m.

Calling all members! It is that time again for our annual get together to hear all about the exciting events that are planned for the club for this year. Come see friends, have dinner and start the year off right. Non members can eat for \$10.

Bring a dessert for the dessert auction or items for silent auction and lets try to get some funds together for the club.



## Senility Prayer

...grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway...the good fortune to run into the ones that I do...and the eyesight to tell the difference.

(editor: Thanks Margie for the funny!)

## FREE YOUTH

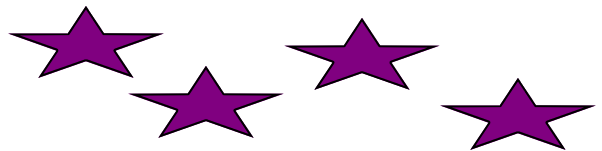
## GYMKHANA

## Chowchilla

## Western Stampede!

The Chowchilla Western Stampede is offering a free youth gymkhana on Thursday nite, April 7, 2011 at 630pm a the covered area. NO ENTRY FEES! Ribbons 1st thru 6th and 3 High Point Awards in each age group. There is no roping that nite so the committee is putting this on for the kids.

For 4H/FFA members that are competing in the Chowchilla Jr Horse Show later in April this would be a good warm up to get your horse used to this arena!



## AWESOME OFFER:

Dr Madison Seamans, DVM, MS, is offering a 10% discount on equine veterinary services to Merced Horsemen's members. (No this doesn't mean that if you are a member of the Mariposa Club and the Merced Club that you can double this offer!) Check him out on the web at: [www.coarsegoldequine.com](http://www.coarsegoldequine.com) or send him an email at : [madisonseamans@gmail.com](mailto:madisonseamans@gmail.com)

Non Emergency: 559-689-3343 or 209-742-1020  
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**EXTREME COWBOY  
CLINIC/PLAYDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**March 19, 2011**

**10am-3pm**

**\$15 per person**

Have you wondered about those obstacles that they do on extreme cowboy races? Come on out and join us for a casual practice of obstacles and discuss the fundamentals of this exciting competition with our own President, J.A. Thomas, who is also an Extreme Cowboy Race competitor. This is for MHA members only but you can join day of the clinic. This is one of two Cowboy Race clinics that we have scheduled for the year and if we have enough participants to warrant hosting a race, a race we shall have on May 14th!

**MERCED COUNTY FAIR  
RODEO**

**COMMITTEE SEEKING  
RODEO 2011 QUEEN  
CONTESTANTS**



Open to young ladies 14-21 years of age who reside in Merced, Madera, Mariposa or Stanislaus Counties this contest has a **deadline** for application: **March 26, 2011**. Rodeo takes place on Friday, June 17, 2011. For info please contact Amanda Jensen 559-665-3056.

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**NEWSLETTER:** If you have something to submit, please do it by the 20th of the month to insure that we have time to get it to the printer. Submissions should be sent to: merced-horsemen@yahoo.com or Call Carol at 209-966-8150. Limited classified ads are free to members, space permitting. Business Card Ads are \$20 per month or \$100 per year!


**ADVERTISE:** ARENA SIGNS: Contact J.A. THOMAS 209-761-7740 or LISA KROGH 209-357-8866 FOR INFO!

# 2011 MERCED HORSEMENS ASSOCIATION

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Not sure who to contact? Send us an email at: [mercedhorsemens@yahoo.com](mailto:mercedhorsemens@yahoo.com) and we will direct you to the right person for the job!



If you like to trail ride, show your horse, play games, go to clinics and have fun with a great group of people, join us!

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**TACK SALE/SWAP MEET/FLEA MARKET...WHATEVER YA WANT TO CALL IT!** MHA is having one at the clubhouse on June 11th, 2011 during the Merced Jr Fair Horse Show. \$25 per space for MHA members and clubs/organizations and \$35 per space for non members. Come watch the show and buy/sell stuff! Food will be available for sale throughout the day. Spaces are available on a first come, first paid basis. No trailers or vehicles on the lawn. Provide your own awning and table(s). It's a few months away so start cleaning out that tack room and contact Carol 209-966-8150 or Melony 209-394-5055 for more information or to reserve your space.

## TENATIVE MERCED HORSEMEN'S CALENDAR FOR 2011

(note: we will be having OPEN cattle sorting this year and dates should be set by our next March board meeting)

### MARCH

- 5 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only) **CANCELLED**
- 5 Saturday, Dues Dinner, 6:30 pm
- 10 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 12 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign up 830am, start 9am (club only) (rain date for 3/5) **CANCELLED**
- 19 Saturday, Extreme Cowboy Race Playday 10am- 3pm (club only)
- 26 Saturday Work Day, 9am (Rain Date will be 4/9 in needed)

### APRIL

- 2 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)
- 9 Saturday, Work Day Rain Date, 9am
- 14 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 16 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)
- 23 Saturday, Extreme Cowboy Race Playday 10am- 3pm (club only)
- 30 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only) (rain day for 4/2)

### MAY

- 7 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)
- 12 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 14 Saturday, Extreme Cowboy Race Show 9am- 3pm (open event)
- 15 Sunday, Merced County Fair Rodeo Queen Horsemanship/Interviews (outside event)
- 21 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)
- 21 Saturday, Evening, Golden Valley (outside event)

### JUNE

- 3 Friday Nite Poles & Barrels (open event)
- 4 Saturday NorCal Jr Rodeo (outside event)
- 9 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 11 Saturday, Merced County Fair Jr Horseshow and Gymkhana (outside event)
- 11 Saturday, Swap Meet/Tack Sale (open event)
- 18 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)
- 25 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830am, start 9am (club only)

### JULY

- 14 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm

### AUGUST

- 6 Saturday, Cutting/Stock Horse/Reining Show (open event)
- 11 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Saturday, Gymkhana, sign ups 830 am, start 9am (club only) (Rain Date if needed)
- 8 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 10 Saturday, Cutting/Stock Horse/Reining Show + Pre Futurity Practice Time (open event)
- 11 Sunday, Versatile Ranch Horse Show start 8:30 am (open event)

### OCTOBER

- 8 Saturday, Cutting/ Stock Horse/Reining Time: (open event)
- 13 Thursday, Board and General Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 30 Sunday, MHA vs. MMR Challenge, sign up 9am, start 9:30 am (club event) (shine only)

### NOVEMBER

- 10 Thursday, Board, General Meeting and 2012 Nominations, 6:30 pm

### DECEMBER

- 3 Saturday, General Meeting, Elections, Awards & Christmas Party Dinner 6:30pm
- 8 Thursday, Last Board, General Meeting for 2011, 6:30 pm

Club only: indicates that participants must be club members, however spectators are allowed  
Outside event: indicates that the clubhouse or arena grounds are being used by an outside organization or private party  
Open event: indicates that this event is completely open to the public, no need to be a member to participate



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